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REDUCTION IN PREMIUM FOR SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has proposed changes in the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme regarding increase of share of the Central Government and reduction in premium rate for sugarcane crop; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Maharashtra Government on several occasions have demanded sharing of claims liabilities between Central and State Government in the ratio of 2 : 1 in place of 1 : 1 and reduction in the premium rate of sugarcane crop for 2001-02.

The issue regarding sharing of financial liability in the ratio of 2 : 1 between Central and State Government was examined in this Department and it was not found feasible due to financial constraints.

Regarding charging of premium rates for sugarcane crop, actuarial rates of premium are charged on all annual commercial/horticultural crops including sugarcane. These rates are worked out by the Implementing Agency on the basis of variability in the past yield data. The actuarial rates may change year to year with a change in the quantum of variability in the yield. The Government of Maharashtra has already been apprised about this position.